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**REPORT BACK BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ON REENTRY REPORT**

On December 2, 2010, a report on reentry, commissioned by the Second District Office, was released entitled Juvenile Reentry in Los Angeles County: An Exploration of the Strengths, Barriers and Policy Options. The Report was authored by graduate students Michelle Newell and Angelica Salazar, under the supervision of Professors Julie Wilson and Tim Nelson of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Ms. Newell and Ms. Salazar are now with the Children's Defense Fund.

Reentry is an important topic in the Second District and the County of Los Angeles. The Second District is populated predominantly by Latino and African American residents. Latino and African Americans also make up a disproportionate segment of the State Prison population, the County Jail population and County Juvenile Camp population.

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When the recidivism rates for adult and juvenile offenders remain high, it represents a disruptive effect on these communities. The true recidivism rate in Los Angeles County is unknown because the recidivism is so narrowly defined and the Probation data collection and analysis need to be improved. However, each time a juvenile re-offends, it produces multiple disruptions in the community: to the offender, to the offender's family, and, most importantly, to the victims of such offenders. These disruptions all create a financial burden on society that compounds over time.

This Report has reviewed the question of how to best transition young offenders back into the community and reduce their recidivism rates. The Report focused on the impact of Los Angeles County practices on the juvenile population. However, the Report can shed light on how we can give minors, adults, and young adults a way to ease their way back into the community, and do so in a way as to become more productive members of our community.

The Report makes ten recommendations. As we begin to examine the question of reentry and how we transition our youth from juvenile facilities to the community, we should consider these recommendations into the development of our public policy strategies.

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**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Direct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to transmit a copy of the report on reentry entitled Juvenile Reentry in Los Angeles County: An Exploration of the Strengths, Barriers and Policy Options to the Chief Executive Officer, who together with the Chief of Probation, the Superintendent of Los Angeles County Office of Education, the Director of the Department of Mental Health and the Director of the Department of Health Services are to report back on the recommendations contained in the report.

The report is due to the Board by January 10, 2011.

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